

North Hampton Conservation Commission  
Public Hearing minutes  
June 27, 2007

**1) ROLL CALL**

Present at 7:02 p.m. when the meeting was called to order was Chris Ganotis, Chair, Lee Brooks, Shirley Carter, Brian Chevalier, Patty O'Connor, and Alternates Philip Thayer, Peter Simmons and Lisa Wilson.

**2) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a) To consider the fee simple purchase of 14.95 +/- acres of land on parcels owned by Kelvin W. and Glendon C. Dalton residing at 117 and 119 Exeter Road, respectively. The subject parcels are identified as North Hampton Tax Map 9, Lot 23, and Map 9, Lot 62. The cost of the parcels is to be funded by North Hampton bond funds approved by Town Meeting vote in 2001.

Chris confirmed the legal notification and publication of the notice. NH Forever co-chair Phil Wilson presented an overview of the two parcels. Map 9, Lot 23 will be a fee simple purchase and Map 9, Lot 62 will be a donation of fee interest. He explained that the purchase price is appropriately aligned with the appraised value of both the Jenkins and Robie properties recently approved for recommended purchase. Phil reviewed the acreage and transaction information. He addressed the strategic importance of acquiring these parcels along the Winnicut watershed area as it may qualify for matching future grants.

The total purchase price of \$215,000 also provides the town an opportunity to have the land established as a town forest and the Dalton's have asked that, if so designated, the land be named "Dalton Tree Farm". Phil reiterated Stan's comments from the month before regarding the beauty and maintenance of the forest. Phil also pointed out that these parcels abut other town-owned parcels.

Public comments were solicited at this time. Hearing none, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

**After a motion, duly seconded**, it was voted at 7:15 p.m. to adjourn the public hearing on the Dalton proposal.

b) To consider the acceptance of a grant for \$6,000 to conduct a wildlife assessment on selected conservation lands and to encumber such grant funds through Fiscal 2007-2008.

Chris confirmed timely legal notification and publication of the notice. He reviewed the history of events leading to the Commission receiving the Fuller Foundation grant. The funds will be used to conduct a wildlife survey.

Public comments were solicited at this time. Resident Phil Wilson, 9 Runneymede, felt it was an excellent idea. Hearing no other comments, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Members confirmed that the funds will be for wildlife specialists to take an inventory of all animal and plants, then make recommendations to preserve the wildlife.

**After a motion, duly seconded**, it was voted to accept the \$6,000 grant from the Fuller Foundation and encumber the funds for fiscal year 2008.

**After a motion, duly seconded**, it was voted at 7:24 p.m. to adjourn the public hearing on the Fuller Foundation grant.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Perkins  
Secretary

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*Note: These minutes were approved by a majority vote of the Conservation Commission at its July 10, 2007 meeting.*